

North Dakota Department of Health
Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma
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RURAL PARAMEDIC TRAINING GRANT POLICY

North Dakota is experiencing a Paramedic staffing shortage in mid-size cities; therefore DEMST will provide a \$4,000 grant for new Paramedics that work for certain ambulance services. Grant awards will be made to qualified applicants on a first come first served basis. To be eligible the following conditions must be met:

1. Grant applications must be on the form entitled “Rural Paramedic Training Assistance Grant” provided by the department. No applications will be accepted after June 15th of the second year of the biennium.
2. The Paramedic must have graduated from a North Dakota approved Paramedic training course within the current biennium. Those graduating outside of the current biennium are not eligible for this grant.
3. The Paramedic must work for an ambulance service that meets the following criteria:
 - a. Is based in a city in North Dakota that has a population of less than 30,000.
 - b. The service must have a call volume of at least 100 calls per year.
 - c. The individual must be licensed through DEMST as a Paramedic.
4. No more than four grants per service will be awarded in the biennium.
5. The Paramedic must be a full-time employee of the ambulance service.
6. If the Paramedic leaves full-time employment with the approved ambulance service a pro-rated amount of the award must be paid back to the Health Department. The Health Department may waive the repayment with a reasonable explanation of the separation. Termination, or quitting without due cause will not be reasons to waive the repayment.

Contact DEMST if you would like further information regarding this program. Our phone number is 701.328.2388 or by email at dems@nd.gov.